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The message to be applied by means of the material strip or applique can be either a warning message that surgery is not to be conducted in the location of the device, or an alerting message that surgery is to be conducted in the location of the device. For example, if a patient's left leg is to be amputated, a device warning that surgery is not to occur on the patient's right leg should be affixed to the patient's right leg. At the same time as, or in lieu of, such a warning label, a device notifying that surgery is to occur on the patient's left leg should be affixed to the patient's left leg, which is the intended site of surgery.

In the Claims:

Kindly add the following claims:

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16. A pre-surgical alerting device comprising:

- a. an alerting strip suitable for placing on an involved body segment which is to be affected by a surgical procedure, said alerting strip having a superior side and inferior side,
- b. visually perceivable indicator on said superior side of said alerting strip, and
- c. temporary attachment means for temporarily attaching said inferior side of said alerting strip to the involved body segment.

17. A pre-surgical alerting device according to claim 16, further comprising:

- d. a warning strip suitable for placing on a not-involved body segment which is not to be affected by a surgical procedure, said warning strip having a superior side and inferior side,
- b. visually perceivable indicator on said superior side of said warning strip, and
- c. temporary attachment means for temporarily attaching said inferior side of